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Beach Combings.

Now and then a great big spotted striped water melon reaches town, the forerunner of what we may expect in this line from now on.

Mr J. B. Hogeboom has taken a section of the grading on this end of the Panama City railroad, and began work on the same this week.

The PILOT force are indebted to Mrs J. B. Hogeboom for a generous supply of delicious ice cream which she sent over to the office Wednesday forenoon.

The Tarpon yesterday brought in the base ball clubs outfit, and now the boys are ready to cross bats with any club of their size in this section of country.

Mr A. Hogeboom has one of his houses in Block 1, near the M. E. church corner, well along, and it will soon be ready for a tenant. It is conveniently located, and well arranged for residence purposes.

In our article last week upon "Our School" the word "not" was injected into a sentence, making it appear that the people of Panama City "do not know a good thing when they see it." The word not was an interloper. The people here most assuredly do know a good thing when they see it, and they want the whole world to know it to.

The residence being erected by Contractor Dixon, for Mr M. B. Jenks, on the north east corner of Block 13, has now assumed such proportions that it can be seen just what a fine building it will be when completed. It occupies a pleasant and prominent position, and will be a residence that will be in good demand should Mr Jenks wish to rent the same.

Capt Lew Wright made a trial trip with the Monarch last Thursday afternoon up East Bay, touching at Panama City on his way. There were quite a few of the captains friends on board consisting of Messrs Gray, Russel, Gwaltney, and R. Wright, and Mesdames Russel, Drummond and child, Ware and children, Jenks, Witherill and child, Wright, and Misses Hasselburg and Russel. The party made the PILOT office a brief call just as we were going to press.

McKenzie Brothers on Friday last turned out the first bottle of soda water from their new works, and presented the same to the PILOT. This was followed by many others, and the plant is now in shape to turn out an article of carbonated drinks that cannot be excelled in quality anywhere, and in such quantities as may be required. They propose delivering these goods at all points on the bay, and railroad, every day, and we bespeak for this firm a generous patronage, and a very successful trade.

Owing to the illness in the family of Presiding Elder Peterson, he could not attend the Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church here on Saturday last as planned, so sent Rev Slaughter, of Marianna, who preached a very forcible sermon on Saturday forenoon, and another Sunday forenoon. After the preaching services Saturday the ladies served an exceedingly good dinner on the tables in the Park, which was partaken of by all present at the services. After the dinner the Quarterly Conference for this charge was held in the school house.

On Monday of this week Capt Frank Witherill, with the Leonore, piloted by Capt Bert Ware, took a party consisting of Messrs Gray, Russel, G. M. West, Earl Thompson, and Phillip West, out to the snapper beds. In about an hours fishing 88 fish were taken, consisting of red snappers, porgies, and red and black groupers. The latter were fine specimens ranging from 25 to 35 pounds in weight. The run out and back was made in very quick time, and the day was just such as was wished for, and a most enjoyable time was had. "Bert" certainly knows just where the red beauties have taken up their summer abode.

ICE PLANT

Important Industry Secured for Panama City

We take pleasure in announcing to our readers that the Gulf Coast Development Company have this week signed up with Messrs Powell and Bailey, of Hartford, Ala., for the erection here of a modern 25 to 40 ton ice and refrigerating plant.

These parties have ample means to not only erect a modern up to date plant, but sufficient to carry on a fish business that will at once place this bay country to the front in the matter of being headquarters for the iced fish business for all the northeast gulf coast. Twice within the past week for want of ice fresh cargos of fish have been lost while being transported to Pensacola, our nearest market, and these losses alone would if saved to our fishermen, have proved to them such a profit as would make their business much more profitable than at present.

The ice factory will be located on the bay shore adjacent to the railway, will have connection therewith, and be prepared to ice refrigerators for that company. Work on it will be begun within the next 30 days, and carried forward as fast as the material can be obtained.

S. C. Prows Dead.

Another old citizen of the bay country, Mr Simeon C. Prows, passed away on Sunday of this week. Mr Prows had been suffering from a mental ailment for a short time, and had but recently been taken to River Junction for treatment. He however passed away soon after arriving there. Mr Prows leaves a wife and large family, and many friends to mourn over his death. He was an old soldier, having served in the Federal army throughout the war, and was a man of strong convictions. His neat homestead between here and Millville has always been an incentive to those who would build themselves choice homes in this section, and get such results from right tillage of the soil as can be obtained through earnest and systematic effort, and many are indebted to him for helpful hints tending to such ends. Undertaker Brake went after the body, and the funeral was held yesterday afternoon, the interment being at Millville.

Masonic Funeral.

The remains of Henry Bovis were laid to rest in the little cemetery at Millville, at 3 p. m. last Friday. Mr Bovis being a member of the Masonic fraternity, Parker Lodge were in charge of the funeral services. Mr W. H. Parker officiated. Some thirty members of the order were present, besides a large number of the friends of the family. Among the visiting members of the order in attendance were Capt Barrow, of the Tarpon, and Messrs Dorsey, of Tallahassee, A. Greenhut, of Pensacola, and Mr McCall.

With the summer season just opening there is already such a scarcity of houses here for those wishing to remain for some months, that many have been obliged to remain away, while others are planning on camping out. There is an urgent demand here right now, for a hundred new houses. They can be rented at good rates, and good interest can be made on an investment in such property.

The Round Lake correspondent of the Verdict has these railway items relative to the A. & St A. B. R. R. "The camp cars will be moved here by Wednesday and they will be pleasantly located at the fine spring and park, near where the depot will be.

The train is picking up the timber cut from the right-of-way along the road here, and carrying it to Dothan. Seems as this could be manufactured nearer home than that."

Personal.

Mr Leslie Gay was a Panama City visitor on Wednesday.

Mrs G. H. McKenzie visited at St Andrew on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr J. W. Bailey, of East Bay was a visitor at Panama City Sunday.

Mr M. B. Jenks is on a business trip to DeFuniak Springs this week.

Mr P. N. Hutchinson, of West Bay, was a caller at Panama City on Sunday last.

Mr B. T. Quarles, of Gulfport, Miss., is visiting his friend Mr Chandler here.

Mr J. J. Ward dined at the residence of Mr G. M. West, at Old Town, Sunday.

Mr and Mrs G. H. McKenzie spent Sunday afternoon at Gay, with Dr and Mrs Booth.

Mr Joel Frater, wife and child, of Pensacola, were in attendance at the funeral of Mr Bovis.

Dr and Mrs Mitchell, of St Andrew, were in attendance at the preaching service here on Sunday.

Mr L. Herzog, representing I. Epstein & Bro., of Savannah, was a Panama City caller on Wednesday.

Mr W. F. Moss, of the Consolidated Grocery Co., Pensacola, was a guest at the Panama City hotel last evening.

Mr W. W. Green will reach home this evening, coming across country from Chipley, with Mr R. L. McKenzie.

Mr William Fortner and son, of Dothan, Ala., are making a short stay here, enjoying the cool breezes from off the gulf, and looking over the country.

Mr G. W. Ward, of the Panama City Mill Co., left on Saturday last by way of West Bay, for DeFuniak Springs. Mr M. B. Jenks took him as far as West Bay.

Mr H. A. Powell, of Hartford, Ala., accompanied by his son, have been spending a few days here during the past week. Mr Powell is one of the gentlemen interested in the ice business.

Mr J. A. Whaley, Jr., a druggist of Opp, Ala., and Mr A. Z. Bryant, a hardwareman, of the same place, were visitors here Sunday. They expressed themselves as much pleased with Panama City.

By long distance phone we learn that Miss Juanita Green, who has been attending school the past year at the Alabama Brenau, at Eufaula, Ala., will reach home today, by way of Chipley and across the country.

The PILOT office received a very pleasant call on Wednesday from two of Pensacolas most energetic young business men, Mr W. S. Garfield, and Mr J. W. Hyer. Come again gentlemen when you have more time to give to our thriving city.

Port News.

The Dewey took a party from Millville out to Hurricane Island last Sunday evening.

The Martha Lillian went in to Pensacola after ice this week, after which she returns to the snapper banks.

The Tarpon passed out of the bay late Friday evening on her way westward, and arrived from Pensacola east bound yesterday noon.

The Cleo is still on the ways at Parker. Gasoline is getting scarce on the bay, and many are getting anxious to see the Cleo under sail again.

Capt L. M. Ware has purchased the 30 foot launch owned by Mr George White, of Millville. The boat is fully equipped for passenger business, and we understand Capt Ware offers the same for sale.

The schooner Jessie P., was sold yesterday by Capt Hudson to Capt Chas P. Andrews, the trade being made here yesterday. The vessel is now loading a cargo of freight for St Andrews, and will hereafter ply between that point and Pensacola.—Pensacola Journal.

St Andrew.

Mr Bert Boutelle, of Parker, visited at Mr G. M. West's Tuesday evening.

Mr Hinson, of Cottondale, has been in town the past week with several horses and mules for sale.

The Ladies Bible Class meet this afternoon at the M. E. church. The class will be led today by Rev F. Wineman.

Mrs M. B. Jenks, of St Andrew, and Mrs Birch, of this place, were visiting Mrs Bovis at Millville, on Wednesday.

Captain DeShazo with his launch Clara took quite a large party from St Andrew out to the gulf beach Sunday evening.

Miss Grace H. West, who has been in High School at Chicago Heights, Ill., during the past year, reached home on the Tarpon yesterday.

Capt Bert Ware, aided by Mr Clem Clarkson, caught 160 pompano Tuesday forenoon. Bert sighted this school of pompano as he was on his way to the snapper beds Monday, and that meant that it was all up with the poor pompano.

A party consisting of Mrs Alexander, Mrs Drummond and son, Mrs Ivey, and Miss Ethel Baker, went on the J. P. Williams to Anderson this morning, to spend the day with Mrs Sales, in the mean time holding a little musicale there.

Capt Ed Hand's attention to completing the Rambler in first class style, has been slightly diverted the past week through the coming into his household on Sunday evening, of a daughter. Mother and child are both reported doing well.

The J. P. Williams, Capt Alexander is now prepared to care for large or small parties wishing to visit North bay points. The boat starts from Wares wharf about 7 each Monday and Thursday morning. Full particulars can be obtained from Captain Alexander.

Gulf fishing parties are becoming quite the proper thing nowadays. One under the charge of Capt Bert Ware, in his launch Hugh, on Friday last, brought in some 400 pound of red snappers, and other deep water fish. This party consisted of Messrs Rozier and L. Wells, of Chipley; Hinson and Fellows, of Cottondale; and C. M. Chandlee, of Gulf Port, Miss.

Our community was greatly shocked on Thursday last to learn that Mrs Edith Danford, wife of Capt E. E. Danford, had passed away. Though Mrs Danford had been an invalid for some time, yet her death was a severe shock to all her many friends. Funeral services were held on Saturday forenoon, Rev Joyner officiating. She leaves besides her husband, an infant son, father, mother, and three sisters to mourn her departure.

Captain Raymond Sheppard, with the launch Jane Jones, took a party of picknickers from St Andrew up Bear Creek, on Tuesday last. Messrs Gray, Russel, Lew and Roy Wright, and Phillip West, and Mesdames G. M. West, Russel, Wright, and Miss Russel, formed the party. A very enjoyable day was had, and the bountiful and delicious lunch which had been provided, was devoured with a zest that only a days outing on the waters will give. They reached home about 8 p. m.

The security of a concrete construction increases with its age, whereas the security of all other forms of construction can only decrease, especially that of metallic ones, on account of the formation of rust.

The Panama City Mill Co., are cutting timber on the west bank of Watsons bayou, and preparing to raft it to their mill. They have also this week closed contracts for a large amount of timber up East bay. The mandrel for the big saw did not arrive on the Tarpon as expected consequently there must be further delay in getting to sawing again.

Mr J. G. Johnson and wife, of Bainbridge, Ga., made the PILOT office a pleasant call today. Mr Johnson is connected with the Bainbridge Daily Tribune.

ANTE BELLUM DAYS

On St Andrews Bay.

Panama City in 1861.

Mr John B. Henderson, of Kynesville, Fla., made the PILOT office a pleasant call last week. Mr Henderson made his first visit to St Andrews Bay as a young unmarried man in 1860, stopping some months with Mr Jonathan Purcell, who kept the hotel then standing where Mr G. M. West's residence is now located. A short distance east of the hotel was a store run by a Jew named Fleishman, with John Chandler as clerk. There were none of the summer visitors in their cottages, at what is now known as Old Town, when Mr Henderson came, but few coming to the bay during the Fall or Winter. A Mr William Porter lived on the shore near Mr Caseys place, and a Mr Johnson where the G. C. D. Cos. office at Panama City now stands. Across the bayou east from this place Jo Masselena lived, and Mr B. Pearson lived at Bunkers Cove. The next settler on East bay was Mr Peter Parker, who lived near Parker, with Mr Hawk Stevens east of his place. On the peninsula there was but one family, that of Mr Fred Dennis, who lived opposite Mr Peter Parker. There were no cattle or hogs running wild on the peninsula, and Mr Dennis had a wonderful crop of cashaws and watermelons on a clearing that was made without hands, being the result of a forest fire. Mr Henderson relates having picked a choice ripe water melon at this place in January, 1861, which had grown from a sprout of the main vine. His reminiscences of those days are very interesting, and we may possibly at some future time give the readers of the PILOT more of them.

New Pension Law.

We copy from the Pensacola Journal the following article relative to the pension law passed by the last legislature. There are quite a number of old Confederate soldiers in this vicinity, who will be benefited by this act.

"The new Florida pension law, passed by the last legislature and which greatly increases the pensions of Confederate soldiers and their widows, is now in effect, and yesterday Circuit Clerk McMillan received from the pension board the new form of application, which must be filled out, filed with the Board of County Commissioners and later forwarded to the state pension board.

The new pension law is a very liberal one, and in order to pay the pensions that will follow a special tax of four mills on the dollar on all property liable for assessment, has been levied which, it is believed will be sufficient.

The law states that any person who enlisted and served in the military or naval service of the Confederate states during the civil war, who has been a citizen of Florida for ten years prior to the filing the application for a pension, and who is over the age of sixty years, shall receive \$100 per year in quarterly payments. Persons drawing pensions under the previous acts of the legislature are retained on the pension rolls and entitled to the increase.

Widows of soldiers or sailors are entitled to \$120 per year, provided they were married to such soldier or sailor ten years prior to making applications for a pension. The payment of new claims will date from the day of filing application in the

Pension Schedule.

In addition to the above, the following pensions are allowed:
For loss of sight.....\$150
For loss of one eye..... 100
For loss of one foot or leg..... 125
For loss of hand..... 125
For loss of both hands..... 150
For loss of both feet..... 150
For loss of hand and foot..... 150
For personal injuries, disease or age whereby persons cannot earn a livelihood..... 120
For total disability, as shown by physician's affidavit..... 150